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(C) We delivered reftel demarche to MFA Nonproliferation Department Head Elif Ulgen on August 18. In a follow-up conversation on September 5, Ulgen said the MFA supports the program, but is still seeking concurrence from other relevant agencies. She said that it may still take some time for the GOT to provide a formal response as the nature of the program is sensitive and requires buy-in from a number of government agencies. She promised to inform us as soon as there is interagency agreement on a GOT position.

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